



Minimum nutritional standards for catering in health and social care

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Background

The Food Standards Agency, the Public Health Agency and safefood have led this project to develop minimum nutritional standards for HSC settings through the Regional Obesity Prevention Implementation Group, the body responsible for implementing A Fitter Future for All 2012 – 22 (the regional obesity strategy). The three agencies have engaged with stakeholders from nutrition, procurement and catering from across the region in the development of these standards.

They will apply to all facilities that serve food and / or beverages to staff and visitors operating within Health and Social Care settings including catering facilities as well as private retail and vending machines. It is anticipated that these nutritional standards will be rolled out across government and in time across the wider public sector.

Purpose

This questionnaire has been designed to aid those who wish to respond to the consultation exercise on the **Minimum nutritional standards for catering in health and social care**.

The questionnaire seeks the views on the draft standards and should be read in conjunction with the standards document itself.

The questionnaire can be completed by anyone who has an interest in the provision of these services and can be completed by an individual or on behalf of a group or organisation.



You can respond to the consultation document by e-mail, letter or fax.

Responses should be sent to:

E-mail: Executive.Support@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

Written: Executive Support Team
Food Standards Agency in Northern Ireland
10a-c Clarendon Road
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Fax 028 9041 7726

Responses must be received no later than 5pm, Friday, 18th November 2016

I am responding: as an individual
 on behalf of an organisation

Name:	
Job Title:	
Organisation:	
Address:	
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Consultation questions:

1. Are the standards easy to read and understand?

Yes

No

If no, please explain your answer in more detail

2. These standards will apply to all food outlets (including vending) within the health and social care setting? Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

No

Please outline the reasons for your answer.

3. What barriers do you foresee in applying these standards into existing food contracts?

Please outline the reason for your answer.

4. What are your challenges to implementing these standards?

- Additional costs
- Staffing
- Work practices
- New equipment
- Other

Additional comments:

5. What level and type of support do you feel you might require to meet these standards?

- Additional staff training
Menu planning
Other

Additional comments:

6. What would be a reasonable time period to implement these standards?

- 6 months
12 months
24 months
Other

Additional comments:



7. Please insert any further comments, suggestions or recommendations you would like to make in relation to these standards

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Thank you for your comments.